

REMARKS

The specification is amended to refer to related applications from which priority is claimed. The specification is also amended to insert an ABSTRACT as the last page of the application.

By this preliminary amendment, claims 3, 6-8, 11-26, 28, 29, 31, 32, 35, 40, 47, 50, 51, 54-56, 59-72, 74-84, 86, 87, 91-96, 98, 100-102 and 106-108 have been rewritten to remove multiple dependencies. In addition, claims 2, 4, 5, 36-39, 41-45, 49, 52, 53, and 85 are cancelled. After entry of this amendment, claims 1, 3, 6-35, 40, 46-48, 50, 51, 54-84, and 86-108 are pending in the application.

The amendments are made to reduce the claim fees and/or conform the claims to U.S. law and practice. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

It is believed that this application is in condition for substantive examination. If any matters remain to be discussed prior to examination, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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